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SUBJ: INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT(IFAD)

REF: TEHRAN 616, STATE 13368

1. DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS IN MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES, MAGHSUDPOOR, TOLD EMBOFF THAT GOI, AS FAR AS HE WAS AWARE, ESSENTIALLY AGREED WITH USG VIEW THAT IFAD OUGHT NOW TO BE LAUNCHED. HE AGREED ALSO TO THE PROPOSITION THAT IT SHOULD HAVE A COMPARATIVELY SMALL STAFF AND WORK THROUGH EXISTING INSTITUTIONS TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE. HE SAID THAT IRAN'S AMBASSADOR BASED IN GENEVA, MR. HOSSEIN SADEGH, WOULD BE THE PRINCIPAL IRANIAN REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE JANUARY 28-FEBRUARY 6 MEETING. POSSIBLY ONE OTHER IRANIAN OFFICIAL MIGHT ATTEND.

2. AS TO THE SIZE OF IRAN'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE IFAD, HE RECALLED THAT IRAN HAD EARLIER PLEDGED \$20 MILLION. THIS PLEDGE FOLLOWED THE PREPARATION OF REPORT BY THE MINISTRY TO THE SHAH THAT IRAN SHOULD AFFILIATE ITSELF WITH THE IFAD. SUBSEQUENTLY, U.S. SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE BUTZ ON HIS RECENT VISIT TO TEHRAN INQUIRED OF MINISTER RUHANI IF THE GOI COULD INCREASE ITS PLEDGE. A RANKING OFFICIAL FROM THE FAO IN ROME VISITED TEHRAN TO INFORM

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THE GOI THAT IN THE FAO VIEW A PLEDGE OF \$100 MILLION BY IRAN

WOULD BE APPROPRIATE. THEREAFTER, SAID MAGHSUDPOOR, THE SHAH DIRECTED THAT THE MATTER OF THE SIZE OF IRAN'S CONTRIBUTION BE DISCUSSED BY THE PRIME MIISTER AND THE CABINET AND A DECISION MADE. MAGHSUDPOOR EXPECTS THIS DECISION WITHIN 10-14 DAYS. HE NOTED THAT IRAN IS CURRENTLY IN THE THROES OF A SEVERE FINANCIAL PINCH. PRESSED ON THE AMOUNT WHICH HE THOUGHT THE GOI WOULD EVENTUALLY DECIDE UPON, HE GAVE IT AS HIS PERSONAL AND UNOFFICIAL VIEW THAT \$50 MILLION MIGHT BE DECIDED UPON BUT HASTENED TO ADD THAT THIS WAS PURELY SPECULATION.

3. HE MENTIONED IN PASSING THAT THERE HAD APPARENTLY BEEN SOME TALK WITHIN THE CONTACT GROUP THAT TEHRAN MIGHT BE THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE IFAD. THE GOI, HE SAID, HAS NOT YET DECIDED FORMALLY TO ASK INTERESTED GOVERNMENTS THAT THE IFAD BE HEADQUARTERED HERE.

4. FOR ROME: PLEASE PASS TO USDEL FOR THIRD MEETING OF IFAD.  
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